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DEQ reaches agreement with Calumet Specialty Products as part of refinery initiative

BATON ROUGE – Yesterday, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality reached an agreement with Calumet Specialty Products and its subsidiaries that calls for the company to reduce emissions from its Louisiana refineries and make a \$1 million payment to the state.

Calumet will invest approximately \$11 to \$15 million to perform beneficial environmental projects and implement emissions reduction projects. These projects will reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides by approximately 100 tons per year, reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide through a reduction in flaring events and minimize emissions of volatile organic compounds from its refineries in Shreveport, Cotton Valley and Princeton.

"The citizens of Louisiana will benefit greatly from this agreement because of the reductions in emissions and in flaring events," said DEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch. "DEQ and Calumet employees worked together to find a solution that would benefit the environment and the citizens. An example would be the reduction in emissions and flaring at the Shreveport facility. Residents who live near the facility should see a noticeable difference in the amount of flaring."

The agreement is part of the state's Small Refinery Initiative and consolidates previous environmental violations associated with Calumet Specialty Products and its subsidiaries.

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